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SUBJECT: APPARENT ARSON AT CHADIAN SECURITY HEADQUARTERS AND ESCAPE
ATTEMPT AT GENDARMERIE LEAD TO ARREST OF SENIOR CHADIAN OFFICERS

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1. RADIO CHAD APRIL 3 AND INFOTCHAD APRIL 4 REPORTED THAT APRIL 3
MEETING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF MNRCS CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT HAD BEEN
DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO FIRE NIGHT OF MARCH 30 AT CHADIAN SECURITY
COMPANY (CTS) (ELITE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD) HEADQUARTERS N'DJAMENA,
FIRE APRIL 1 AT CTS HEADQUARTERS IN SARH, AND SHOOTING NIGHT APRIL
2 AT NATIONAL GENDARMERIE HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN N'DJAMENA. NO
DETAILS GIVEN ON FIRES. SHOOTING INCIDENT OCCURRED ACCORDING PRESS
WHEN TWO PRISONERS OVERPOWERED GUARDS, SEIZED WEAPONS, AND FIRED,
SERIOUSLY WOUNDING THREE FRENCHMEN WORKING WITH THE GENDARMERIE
UNDER CONTRACT TO PRESIDENCY. UNIDENTIFIED GENDARME
INFORMED DEPUTY CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD AT PRESIDENCY BY TELEPHONE.
LATTER REPORTEDLY TELEPHONED COL. DJIME, GENDARMERIE CHIEF, WHO
ALLEGEDLY HUNG UP ON HIM. TOMBALBAYE THEN INFORMED BY DEPUTY CHIEF
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OF GUARD AND WENT DIRECTLY TO HEADQUARTERS OF GENDARMERIE, RESTORED

ORDER, AND PLACED COL. DJIME AND HIS DEPUTY, MAJOR EX-KETTIGA, UNDER
ARREST. ALSO ARRESTED WAS GENERAL DJOGO, CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL MILITA
RY
CABINET WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN KEPT CLOSELY INFORMED OF EVENTS BY COL
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DJIME BUT HAD NOT INFORMED PRESIDENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: ORIGINAL REPORT REACHING EMB OF GENDARMERIE INCIDENT
FROM RELIABLE SOURCE STRESSED CONVICTION PRESIDENT THAT INCIDENT
WAS ATTEMPT AT COUP D'ETAT INVOLVING ARRESTED OFFICERS. SECOND
REPORT, ALSO FROM RELIABLE SOURCE, ESSENTIALLY SAME AS PRESS REPORT.
(BOTH EMB REPORTS SUBMITTED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.) WHILE INITIAL
REACTION PRESIDENT THAT COUP IN WORKS WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING GIVEN
CTS FIRES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE, LACK SUCH SUGGESTION IN SUBSEQUENT
REPORTS SUGGEST THAT PRESIDENT FOR MOMENT WILLING HAVE GENDARMERIE
INCIDENT CONSIDERED SEPARATE FROM AND INDEPENDENT OF OTHERS. ARREST
GEN. DJOGO AND CONTINUED ARREST SINCE 1973 WITHOUT TRIAL GEN. MALLOUM
LEAVES GEN. ODINGAR, COMMANDER IN CHIEF CHADIAN ARMY, IN RATHER
SPLENDID ISOLATION AS CHAD'S SINGLE GENERAL OFFICER ON ACTIVE SERVICE
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